

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

January 29, 2017 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission Statement:

*United in Faith, Ignited by the Spirit, We Reflect the Light of the Living Christ*

**Fr. Robert K. Rien**  
Pastor

**Fr. George Griener, S.J.**  
Assisting Clergy

**Deacon Gary Hack**  
Permanent Deacon

**Don Pearson**  
Director of Music, Organist,  
Artist-in-Residence

**Frances Rojek**  
Pastoral Associate,  
Formation & Administration

**Peter Degl'Innocenti**  
Pastoral Associate, Pastoral Care

**Carolyn Krantz, M.Div.**  
Pastoral Associate, Social Justice

**Maryann Peddicord**  
Pastoral Secretary

**Estrella Rusk**  
Financial Secretary

**Rich Confetti**  
Facilities Manager

## Eucharist Schedule

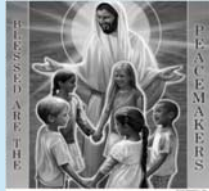
Saturday Vigil: 4pm  
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am  
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist  
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word  
and Holy Communion  
**Holy Days:** 8 am & 7:30 pm  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

**Faith Formation Office:** (925) 778-1631

**Sacraments: Contact Parish** (925) 778-0768

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

**For Ministries, Activities & Outreaches in Parish:** see  
Parish handbook, available in the Office.



**January 29, 2017  
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*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

— Matthew 5:3

**Stewardship**

Thank you for the gift of your Time, your Talent and your Treasure to St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish.

**“For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.”**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**Our goal for weekly plate collections is: \$12,500.00**

**Weekend Offering for January 14-15**

**Weekend Offering.....\$8,982.20**  
**Second Collection - Seminary Collection.....\$2,820.00**

**New Building Fund**

**Donations This Week.....\$215.00**  
**New Building Fund Balance.....\$952,736.74**

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, January 29**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Annual Report distributed during both Liturgies
- Second Collection for Parish Assessment

**Monday, January 30**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - office

**Tuesday, January 31**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Faith Formation - Grades 1-5 - 4:30 to 5:45 pm and 6 to 7:15 pm - Church & Parish Hall
- Adult Confirmation Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Office
- All Leadership Meeting - 7:30 pm - Parish Hall

**Wednesday, February 1**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation - Grades 2, & 6-8 - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall
- RCIC - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Office

**Thursday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- G I F T - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Confirmation Class I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

**Friday, February 3 - Feast of St. Blaise**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am & Blessing of the Throats
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to Noon

**Saturday, February 4 - Our Lady of Lourdes**

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan

**Sunday, February 5**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing Both Liturgies
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan

**Looking Ahead**



**Ongoing Events/Classes**

**Wednesdays:** Hula classes 9:15-10:15 am in the Parish Hall. Space is limited so call the Faith Formation Office (778-0768) for reservations

**Thursdays:** GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) sessions: 8:45-10:30 am in the parish hall.

**February 15:** Marriage & Divorce Red Box Question and Answer Evening at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

**February 20:** Presidents Day Bingo in the Parish Hall sponsored by Faith Formation. See Page 6 of this bulletin for details.

**February 24:** Jazz Concert at St. Ignatius of Antioch at 8 pm with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

## Pray for the Sick

Remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially:

Rocco Battaglia	Terry Malonosan	Theresa Weathers
Archbishop Brunett	Linda Morrison	Guy Worth
Liza Espiritu	John Rien	
Roxanne Greth	Peter Villalpando	

Members of our Parish Family who are in the Military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all those who have no one to pray for them.

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
<b>Friday</b>	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
<b>Saturday</b>	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

## Lay Ministers—Week of February 4th & 5th

**4 pm: Lectors**—Melodye Costanza, Steve Rojek; **Head Cup**—David Simpson; **Head Host**—Sharon Simpson; **Host**—Nancy DiMaggio, Bernice Campbell; **Cup**—Christoph Holl, Marla Plurkowski, Pam Confetti

**8 am: Lectors**—Kathleen Hayakawa, Samantha Peralto; **Head Cup**—Jeannine Ford; **Head Host**—Vianney Mendoza; **Host**—Diane Hack, MaryJo Keister, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan; **Cup**—Mark Costanza, Tim Cox, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Crispina Malonosan; **Servers**—Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

**10:00 am: Lectors**—Cheryna Wright, Rose Necor; **Head Cup**—Harlan Young; **Head Host**—Lesley Eubanks; **Host**—Ed Cissell, Helga Boardman, Cecelia Kennedy, Sharon Cissell; **Cup**—Yvette Young, Al Necor, Cynthia Enrique, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez; **Servers**—William Necor, Alessandra Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding & Preaching

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Danny Silveira †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Lenore Jarin †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Alberto Nevado †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	Hanny Reingold
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All Care Givers
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	All Military Men & Women

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Mary Papetti, Christopher Vera, Alfonso Gutierrez and Josephine Ann Viera**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

## St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is requesting the following food items:

<b>Corn</b> - 15 oz can	<b>Green Beans</b> - 15 oz can
<b>Canned Fruit</b> - 15 oz can	<b>Spaghetti</b> - 16 oz

Please bring your donations to weekend liturgies or place them in the donation barrel in the Narthex. Please NO OPENED or EXPIRED packages.

## Called and Gifted Workshop

Discern your spiritual gifts! Discern your call! God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Come and begin to discover this work during a 2-day workshop.

- ◆ Friday, February 10, 2017 from 7 pm-9 pm and
- ◆ Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 8:30 am-4 pm

Cost: \$40 (includes materials and meals on Saturday)

Holy Rosary Parish Center; 1313 A Street, Antioch

Please call to reserve your seat by February 8th.

925-757-4020

St. Joseph Missals with the readings for the new liturgical year are available from parish office. The cost is \$4.00.

## *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 14-16 at San Damiano Retreat Center. Early registration 4 to 6 weeks ahead is highly recommended. Contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

## *Marriage Preparation Program*

A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.” The Marriage Preparation Registration for the Winter 2017 Sessions are as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 4th.- 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Location: St. Vincent’s Marinwood  
Saint Vincents Dr., San Rafael, CA

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call (415) 699-8348.

## *Mother-Daughter Retreat*



Carondelet’s annual Mother-Daughter Retreat is being held on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a special time for mothers and daughters

to explore, affirm and celebrate their unique bond in a renewing, relaxing and spiritually enriching atmosphere. The event includes the retreat, coffee/juice service, brunch and Mass.

The retreat is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, alumnae and their daughters who are currently in 9th grade or above. To register, please visit: [www.carondeleths.org](http://www.carondeleths.org)

## *Safe Environment Training*

Just a reminder for anyone who is involved in a ministry here at St. Ignatius of Antioch...it has been three years since our last training! We will have two live training sessions for anyone who did not complete the VIRTUS training online. They are:

Saturday, February 18th at 9:00 am

Monday, March 6th at 7:00 pm

You must register with VIRTUS online by going to the website: [www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment](http://www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment) and click on the VIRTUS Registration icon **before** the training. Anyone who does not have access to a computer, please contact Maryann in the church office.

## *Mobile Mall News*

**Distribution** - Saturday, February 11, 2017 - 10:00 am to 12 Noon - Lone Tree Elementary - 1931 Mokelumne in Antioch.

The donation barrel for gently used clothes, towels and sheets is located in the Narthex. For more information about this ministry, please call Barbara at 706-2802.

## *St. Peter Martyr School Crab Feed*



Saturday, February 25, 2017, at Good Shepherd Church Hall in Pittsburg. For further information contact St. Peter Martyr School at 925-439-1014. See you at the Crab Feed.

## *Town Hall Meetings Scheduled*



**Wednesday February 8, 9AM**

**Wednesday February 8, 7:30 PM**

**Sunday February 12 after the 10AM liturgy.**

Plan to attend one of the upcoming Town Hall Meetings. Several days and meeting times have been scheduled to accommodate as many people as possible. These meetings are the culmination of work over the last half of 2016 and will include recommendations for our parish community going forward. We hope you will join the staff and parish leadership groups and attend one of these important meetings.

## *San Damiano Retreat Fundraisers*

The San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville is hosting a series of Pasta Dinner Nights. The menu includes spaghetti (with a choice of meat or vegetarian sauces, salad, garlic & French bread, dessert and beverage. Dinners are scheduled for February 19, March 19 and May 21 from 4:30-6:30PM. For more information, visit [sandamiano.org](http://sandamiano.org) or call 925-837-9141.

## Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

When the world gets politically unstable, one might be tempted to flee to the desert as the Christian hermits did in the fourth century. There is a lovely book by Thomas Merton called *The Wisdom of the Desert* (New Directions Book, 1970) which explores what these Christians did and how they lived. The following reviews some of the thoughts of Thomas Merton, the exemplary monk of Gethsemane, on sayings from the desert Fathers and what they might hold for our edification in these uncertain times.

The context in the fourth century was, “the fact that the Emperor was now Christian and the ‘world’ was coming to know the Cross as a sign of temporal power.” Society was regarded by the desert Fathers (and mothers—there were some women, too) as “a shipwreck from which each single individual man had to swim for his life.” They doubted that Christianity and politics could ever be mixed to such an extent as to produce a fully Christian society. The only Christian society for them was the Mystical Body of Christ. From the *Verba Seniorum* (The Words of the Elders) we know that the basic principal of desert life was that “God is the authority and apart from His manifest will there are few or no principles... Therefore, whatever you see in your soul to desire according to God, do that thing, and you shall keep your heart safe.” The hermit had to be a man of mature faith, humble and detached from himself. “He could not dare risk the attachment to his own ego or to the dangerous ecstasy of self will... He had to lose himself in the inner, hidden reality of a self that was transcendent, mysterious, half-known, and lost in Christ.

The desert fathers lived in community working together for their daily bread. Some of these communities consisted of an Elder called an Abbot and his disciples and others were a religious community bound by Mass, common prayer and the daily work of raising food and showing hospitality to all who wandered into their vicinity. They lamented the attachment to unreal values and strove to have a clear unobstructed vision of the true state of affairs, “an intuitive grasp of one’s own inner reality as anchored or lost in God through Christ.” They steered clear of the esoteric, the theoretical and the difficult to understand and refused to talk about such things. They were not content with arguments, concepts and technical verbiage, but sought God in silence, prayer and good works. They made a clean break with the conventional, accepted social context in order to swim for one’s life into the life of God.

We cannot go into the desert, but we can create a “cell”, a quiet place to commune with God away from the verbiage, conflicting news reports, and useless political arguments of the pundits. Here are a few quotes from the desert elders:

“Abbot Anthony said: Just as fish die if they remain on dry land, so monks, remaining away from their cells, or dwelling with men of the world, lose their determination to persevere in solitary prayer. Therefore, just as fish go back to the sea, so we must return to our cells, lest remaining outside we forget ourselves interiorly.” “A certain brother inquired of Abbot Pastor saying, ‘What shall I do? I lose my nerve when I am sitting alone at prayer in my cell?’ The elder said to him: ‘Despise no one, condemn no one, rebuke no one and God will give you peace and your meditation will be undisturbed.’”

This is what we can learn from the desert Fathers and Mothers: In times of tremendous change and unclear directions, create a “cell” in your home, a place where you can sit in respectful silence to hear the authority of God.

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

### Cardinal Rules

I can remember many years back when Barry Bonds was on his homerun hitting spree for the San Francisco *Giants*. I took my brother-in-law, who was visiting from Pennsylvania, to a game. As the slugger sailed one over the stadium wall we stood in unison with the crowd and I let out the cheer “HIS-TOR-Y!” Another historical event happened in the very recent past. We were visited by William Cardinal Levada.

For weeks, the Cardinal’s arrival and presiding for the 10 o’clock Mass had been in the bulletin and announced after Mass. In preparation for a larger than normal turnout at the Mass at “ten”, the preceding 8 o’clock Mass had its E.M. compliment curtailed to two host ministers and four cup ministers rather than the full six and six. However, the 8 o’clock Mass began to fill as usual and all the ministers had to be rounded-up again. The reason so many still came to the Mass at “eight” (their usual Mass) was that, like myself, they intended to stay on for the Cardinal’s historic appearance.

Historic it was! Once again, we, as parishioners of St. Ignatius of Antioch rose to the occasion in our finest tradition of being a friendly welcoming parish. The Cardinal felt as comfortable and as “at home” with us as we did with him. The Mass started with spoken rather than sung responses to aid the Cardinal who didn’t know the specific music we would be using. Once he caught on to the fact that we were a “singing parish” he started to intone his own chants and we responded with musical perfection. That is a testament to the musical structure and significance that has been instilled in us over the years by Father Robert and by the adaptability and execution by our music director Don Pearson.

The Cardinal’s homily was spot on and relevant as only a Cardinal of many years’ experience could deliver. He was deeply moved by the plaque that Father Robert bestowed upon him at the conclusion of the Mass. He had remarked sotto-voce to Fr. Robert “This is a first for me.” Dear Cardinal, it was a first for us too. His humility was evident in all he did. He paused so people could take his picture. He waited patiently outside the doors of the church so that everyone who wanted to meet him personally and shake his hand could do so. He delighted in the small children who, having been coached to address him as “Your Eminence” addressed him as “Your m&m’s”. His enduring remarks about our parish are best carried in our hearts; for I understand that his most repeated remark about us was “You don’t find this everywhere.”


Music, liturgy, faith, love, and hospitality; all these were very evident on that historic Sunday. The only question is... who hit the homerun, us or Cardinal Levada? I think we both did. We can all rise to our feet and with modest pride cheer for our part in Spiritual History!

*Celebrate Life and Love*  
**VALENTINE'S DINNER & MOVIE  
 AT SAN DAMIANO**



Sunday, February 12th, 5:00 PM  
 710 Highland Drive, Danville, CA  
 \$50 per person  
 Movie: *French Kiss*

**PURCHASE TICKETS**  
 sandamiano.org | (925) 837-9141



**GIFT Adult Formation  
 Series Continues**

**Growing In Faith Together**

**Have you ever thought that it is too late in life to begin or continue learning about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?**

**Have you ever wanted to know more about the bible but weren't sure where to begin?**

**Want to learn some basics at a comfortable pace and ask questions as we go along?**

**Join Us:      Thursdays at 8:45 to 10:30 am in the parish hall.**

**More details?  
 Contact Frances Rojek at 778-1631**

**Hula Lessons**

**Join us on Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 am for Hula dancing lessons offered by our parishioner, Samantha Peralto.**

**Space is limited, so call the Faith Formation Office at 925.778.1631 to guarantee you a spot on the floor.**

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5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

**Bingo!**

**Presidents Day  
 Monday, February 20th  
 St. Ignatius of Antioch  
 Parish Hall**

**Doors Open @ 11:00 AM  
 Lunch at 11:30 AM  
 Games Begin @ 12:15 PM**

**10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each  
 Specials**

**\$25 per person includes  
 10 Games — Lunch  
 Dauber — \$1**

Tickets available after Masses  
 February 11 & 12 and February 18 & 19  
 Or by calling Steve @ 925-642-2329

**JOIN  
 St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Anne and  
 St. Bonaventure  
 for a**

**Morning of Enrichment  
 Saturday, February 11, 2017  
 8:30am - 12:00pm  
 at St. Ignatius of Antioch**

**Sessions will focus on**

- the New Rite of Marriage (facilitated by Anthony Arteaga, Director of Music & Liturgy at St. Bonaventure) and
- the new guidelines for cremation (facilitated by Fr. Robert Rien, Pastor St. Ignatius of Antioch and Licensed Funeral Director).

**For more information, contact Fr. Robert at 778-0768.**

St. Ignatius of Antioch presents

**Angelic Music for the  
Parish and the Community!**



The next event in our Concert Series:

*A Jazz Concert featuring the Bolling Suite for flute, piano,  
drums and percussion performed by*

*Don Pearson*

*Director of Music and Artist in Residence.*



**Friday, February 24, 2017  
8:00 pm**

Artist's reception follows immediately  
in the Parish Hall.



**Upcoming Adult Education Opportunity**

**Marriage - Divorce - Remarriage**

**Do you or someone you know have questions  
regarding marriage, divorce and remarriage in  
the Catholic Church?**

**Place your questions on these issues in the "red box" located  
in the Narthex between now and February 5.**

**Then join us on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:30 pm in  
the parish hall for answers and discussion.**